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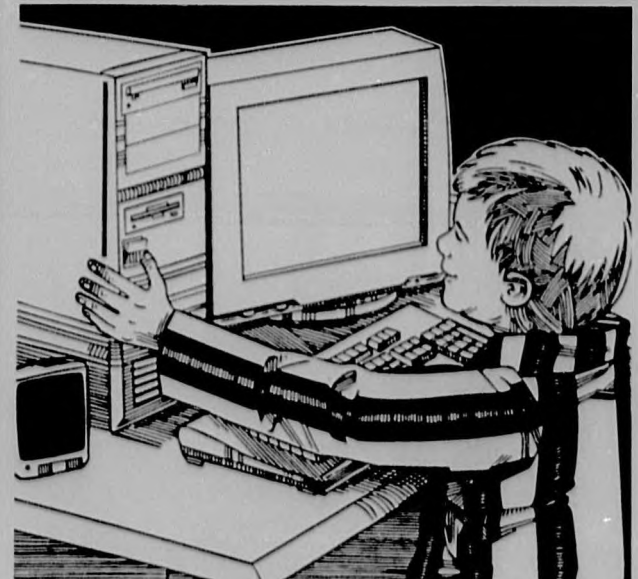
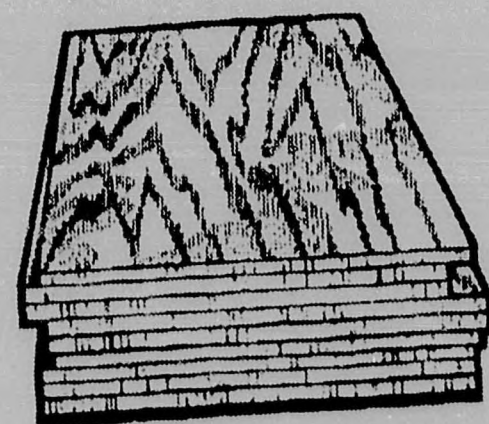
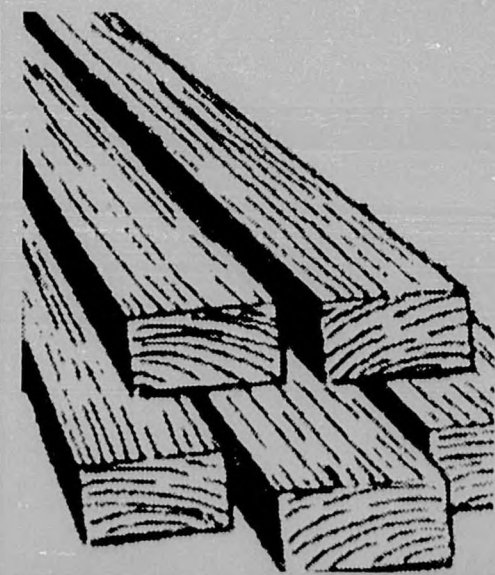
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County backs away from landfill expansion

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission Monday rescinded a previously approved motion to hold a public hearing on a proposed permit modification to the county's landfill.

The motion was approved March 23rd on a 4-3 vote. Voting for the original motion were Commissioners Bernest Brooks, Tom Grimsley, Doug Dalrymple,

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and Kayo Lewis. Commissioners Linda Westbrook, Robert Stephens and Len Averett opposed the motion. The modification would have increased the landfill's service area from a 10-county area to a 34-county area. Also, it would have increased the daily tonnage from 700 tons to 1,200 tons.

"I made a motion a while back to add more counties to our county landfill," Lewis said Monday. "There seems to be a big misunder-

standing about it." Lewis stated that it was the intent of the commission - he thought - to just maintain the present tonnage at the landfill.

The reason for adding counties was to help maintain a pool of counties permitted for service to keep the tonnage from dropping from its current level. This was in the event present customers were lost to neighboring landfills - namely the one located near Brundidge in Pike

County. "For some reason, this action has got people thinking that we're going to fill the thing up next week," said Lewis. "That is not the intent of this commission."

"The only intent is to try to maintain our present income so that we would not be in danger of losing the landfill or having to sell it. "Since the misunderstanding, I'm going to withdraw my motion to add more counties and leave it like it is."

The motion was made to rescind the action and it passed 4-3. Commissioners Grimsley, Averett and Dalrymple opposed the motion while Westbrook, Stephens, Brooks and Lewis voted yes.

An attempt by Commissioner Dalrymple to get the service area increased but keep the tonnage the same failed. Commission Chairman Stephens

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Year-round school schedule OK'd for county

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The Coffee County school system has adopted a modified year-round calendar for the 1998-99 school year.

Superintendent Rodger Bowden commented, "I believe that we have the best working calendar that I've seen."

"We have scheduled breaks throughout the year which we believe will eliminate teacher and student burnout."

The calendar running from August 3, 1998, to June 4, 1999, allows a week out in October beginning with Columbus Day, another week during the week of Thanksgiving in November, three weeks at Christmas, and two weeks for Spring break.

The calendar committee was headed by Dr. Linda Ingram, principal of Zion Chapel High School, and consisted of representatives from throughout the system.

Calendars being used by several other school systems were looked at by the committee before one for Coffee County was decided upon.

Last Thursday evening, county board members unanimously adopted the recommended calendar.

In other matters of business, the superintendent reported that all the building projects at the county's schools were complete and that the new classrooms were constructed at a cost of \$22 per square foot.

Bowden also stated that beginning May 1, all open positions or possible openings will be advertised using the local media.



ANOTHER CHECK FOR THE CITY...Elba Mayor James E. Grimes accepted another check from the state of Alabama in the amount of \$50,000.00. This time the check was from ADECA (Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs). Mayor Grimes indicated the funds will be used to pay for surplus vehicles and other equipment recently acquired by the city to replace flood damaged vehicles and equipment. Presenting the check were Troy King and Brad Owen, both were from the Governor's Office. Pictured above (l-r) are: Owen, Grimes, and King.

Dothan residents send gifts to Elba

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

A trailer load of food and cleaning products were delivered to Elba flood victims last week from Dothan.

The items were a result of three organizations in the Dothan area working together to benefit those families and individuals who suffered losses during the March 8 flood.

Participating in the project were: the Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance, Dothan Ministerial Union, and the Columbia Baptist Association.

According to Pat Kines, the local organizations and their members have been collecting the items during the past several weeks.

Reportedly, approximately 750 individuals came by the van located at the temporary City Hall on Claxton Avenue and picked up packages. The packages consisted of powdered milk, cereals, bottled water, juice, sodas, canned goods, crackers, baby diapers, toothpaste, soap, toiletries, and cleaning supplies.

An additional treat for those picking up packages was a meal consisting of good old red beans and rice.

Accompanying the van were: Pat Kines, with the church community ministry; Rev. James Jackson, president of the Dothan Ministerial Union; and Elder R. P. Mitchell, pastor of New Beginning Ministries.



Individuals and families are pictured above picking up relief packages containing food items and cleaning supplies donated by Dothan organizations to Elba flood victims.

Kines, with the church community ministry; Rev. James Jackson, president of the Dothan Ministerial Union; and Elder R. P. Mitchell, pastor of New Beginning Ministries.

Rev. L. C. Green, project chairman, commented, "The Elba City Clerk was easy to work with, making a person want to do more!"

"The people involved in the project have made sure that the relief items were equally distributed to those in need."

City schools losing 220 years of experience

by Ferrin Cox, publisher

Seven long-time employees with a total of 220 years of experience in education submitted their retirement requests when the Elba City School Board met Thursday, April 9th.

Those planning to retire include Elba Elementary School principal Judy Killingsworth, teachers Dorothy Richardson, Patricia Clark, Ella Kate

Hamm, Lynda Berry, and Pearl Amis, and central office bookkeeper Sylvia Brown.

All requests for retirement were approved. Superintendent Charles Pearce told board members there is a large pool of well-qualified and experienced applicants to replace these retiring teachers.

Board members were told to expect a drug testing plan for athletes to be in place before school starts. Pearce said

the school system has received a \$2,500 grant from the Alabama Attorney General's office to begin random testing of football players.

The testing program will grow into other sports (boys and girls) over the next three years. A plan to start the testing last year was shelved because of the high cost and lack of a clear policy on the testing. Now there is a statewide policy which has been tested in court and only needs board

approval to be in effect, Pearce said. SAT testing was in progress at the time of the board meeting and Pearce said he was well pleased with the procedure and the test itself.

"The teachers and administrators are doing a good job of preparing the students for this test," Pearce told board members.

Letters of non-renewal have been mailed to all non-tenured teachers, Pearce said. This is normal procedure

for the school system while it awaits the results of the education budget being considered by the Alabama legislature. These teachers will be notified by June 15th if they are to be rehired.

The annual Band Day will be held on April 18th on the square in downtown Elba. This will be a heavy fund raising event, due to the community's losses from the recent flood. It is designed as a fun day, with music and

fellowship. Educators and band parents want to give back to the community a little of what has been given to them.

The school board approved a school calendar for next year. It includes August 11th, 1998 as the first day of school for students. May 18, 1999, will be the last day of school for students. There will be 176 days of school for students and 180 days for teachers.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

I CRIED BECAUSE
I HAD NO SHOES
UNTIL I SAW A MAN
WHO HAD NO FEET

This was on the wall behind the desk of the late Probate Judge J. O. English when we first moved to Elba all those many years ago. It has never been more appropriate to Elba citizens than right now. While we are feeling low and dealing with the muddy aftermath of the March 8th flood waters, people in Jefferson County, Ala., (and in parts of Georgia) are attending multi-ple funerals for the victims of the April 8th tornado which cut a path across North Alabama. An emergency management official who has been in Elba since the flood visited the scene last Thursday. He came back Friday morning to move their equipment to Jefferson County and said the tornado scene was the worst he had ever seen.

The local Assembly of God church is sending a van load of supplies to the tornado victims, along with a sizeable monetary donation. It is their expression of love for their fellow human beings. This gift should be especially appreciated, as many of the members of that church had (have) personal problems which started on Sunday morning, March 8th.

Last week when the tornadoes were making their mark, the warnings were issued in this area also. Things got awful dark, the street lights came on, etc. but we were spared additional damage and deaths. During the arguments about prayer in schools, the standing joke is, "As long as you have tests, students will pray." Well, Elba students didn't wait for tests. During the tornado, as do alert students at Elba High School prayed openly. The report is that as students fled into the hallway for cover during the first alert, one student started reciting the Lord's Prayer. The action was picked up by others and soon it seemed the entire student body was praying in unison. By the time of the second alert at noon, the students didn't wait for someone else to start the prayer, they all just started. Reportedly, it was a very moving situation for the students involved and for sure it was inspiring to those of us who have heard about it later.

It sounds innovative and we hope it is successful. The Big/Little "on the hill" is planning a gigantic truckload sale of frozen foods this Friday. They hope this will help Elba people restock their freezers following the flood. Of course it will not be restricted to flood victims and will be a great time to buy a grocery list blank with all the items and prices listed if you, or a group, wants to plan your purchases. Just go to either of the Elba Big/Little stores this week and ask for the shopping list, or just read their ad in The Elba Clipper this week.

There continue to be immature minds in adult bodies. That has probably been a fact of life from the beginning of humanity on earth. Last week during an Easter egg hunt at Daytona Beach, Fla., some of the above described adult bodies in a group of 5,000 people trampled on little children in their misguided effort to be first at a pile of artificial, candy-filled eggs. It would be real nice if those wild children could be turned loose (or maybe tied down) in front of a herd of wild elephants on a ramped louse.

We don't have problems. Put yourself in the shoes of the Ohio woman who got a bill from the IRS last week demanding \$270 billion in back taxes... in three installments. A quick call to the IRS reportedly got the following response... yep, you owe it! At last report the woman had hired a tax attorney because neither she nor her accountant could get anyone at IRS to discuss the matter except to tell her "pay it."

The debate over reform of the Social Security system is heating up and moving toward changes. Different experts advocate privatization of the system, increased taxes, raising the retirement age, cutting \$8 benefits for you rich folks, changing the cost-of-living increases, etc. It is pretty obvious that changes of some sort are necessary, and soon. It is a bit scary as we find ourselves agreeing with that liberal U. S. senator from New York, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, but it has happened. He advocates a plan which will encompass the free market investing but at the same time preserve the basic structure of the Social Security system. Moynihan's plan would allow some private investments (up to 2 percent of income), increase retirement age gradually, modify cost-of-living adjustments and even increase payroll taxes... beginning in 2025. The retirement age would reach 70 for those kids not born yet (in the year 2073). His proposal needs to be seriously considered by our lawmakers and their number-crunching assistants because it just might work.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of April 7, 1998, through April 13, 1998. They were: Shirley Dozier, Belinda Ordon, Margaret Hussey, LaDonna Head, Mary Nell Knight, Arthur L. Wilson, Houston McCollough, Cameron Arnold, Ricardo Cooks, Patricia Daniels, Iris Tanks, Donny Stinson, Alexis Tillis, Betty Coon, Mary O. Bryan, and Zachary Gilbert.

Persons discharged during the same period were: Kim Neal, Susan Bell, Billy Baker, Ray Rhodes, Alberta Martin, Velvet Coleman, LaDonna Head, Mae White, Dalton Sewell, David Johnson, Ricardo Cooks, Patricia Daniels, Annie Grace Ellis, Shirley Dozier, Mary Knight, Belinda Ordon, Margaret Hussey, Houston McCollough, Donny Stinson, Cameron Arnold, and Arthur L. Wilson.

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Friday, April 24 - Rescue run to a residence on East Davis St. (2:13 a.m.); River stage - 11:57 feet (6:10 a.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported at Tootle Bug St. (9:34 p.m.).

Saturday, April 25 - Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87N (1:20 a.m.); River stage - 10:65 feet (6:46 a.m.); Fight reported on Jackson St. (11:22 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Girl Scout Road (5:47 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to grass fire at the intersection of Co. Rd. 342 and AL Hwy. 87N (7:25 p.m.).

OPINION

Harrelson's students share reasons for helping

Editor's note: Students of Mike Harrelson, FFA advisor at Eufaula High School, came to Elba recently to help clean up after the flood of March 8. Harrelson is a former resident of Elba, and graduate of Elba High School. Some members of the group penned their thoughts about the experience, and Harrelson forwarded them to us.

Jennifer Sutton - "The reason I went to Elba was to help the people begin cleaning up what they had left, which was very little. The Eufaula FFA worked together on collecting donations from the residents of Eufaula.

"We collected a good bit of everything, including clothes, food, cleaning supplies and other goods. When we got down there we rode around giving out cleaning supplies to residents and businesses.

"It made me feel good to do this for the victims of the Elba floods and it was really good to see smiles on their faces. It made everyone happy to be able to help them."

Christina Lawson - "The reason I went to Elba was to help people in their time of need. The FFA Chapter got together and collected non-perishable food items, clothes and cleaning supplies. We took these items to Elba and helped the citizens clean up.

"I had a really good feeling after helping the people in Elba."

Brandi Rogers, Vice President, and Michelle Martin, Student



Eufaula High School students pose for a photograph in Elba

Advisor - "After the flood, our chapter showed us a tape of Elba and all the things that were destroyed. He explained to us how devastating the flood of '90 was, and we asked if there was anything we could do to help.

"So we decided to ask the citizens of Eufaula for donations such as food, clothes, cleaning supplies and bottled water.

"Instead of sending one person up there with everything, we had several people going around town handing out cleaning supplies and designating people to help with cleaning. Then we cooked 200 hamburgers and gave them out.

"Before we left we took all the

clothes and canned goods to Rev. W.L. Peterson of the Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church to distribute to whoever needed them throughout the community."

Raven Tew, Secretary - "When I heard on the news about the Elba flood, my heart felt as though it would burst, because I know it has got to be hard to lose everything you have worked for. Our FFA advisor, Mike Harrelson, came in and told us about it, and we began thinking of what we could do to help.

"Some of the kids started calling businesses to ask for donations of anything. On Friday we gathered up everything we received and carried it to Elba.

"Some of the businesses gave

cleaning supplies, which we distributed among the stores for cleaning. Some gave food, which we cooked on a grill and gave out. Others gave clothes were taken to a church to be given out later.

"I never knew there were so many caring people. It felt really good to be able to help not just one person but a whole community in need. When I left Elba that Friday night, I felt as if I had really accomplished something for that day - not just learning how to clean up really good, but to learn how to be there for somebody in need.

"Maybe one day, if we are ever in need, someone will enjoy helping us as we enjoyed helping Elba people."

"We are all very grateful for the help we received from the Elba people."

Parents reminded of dangers teens face

Dear Editor:

The Council on Substance Abuse-NCADD, joins Alabama's parents, teachers, and other adults in congratulating the 1998 high school graduates. Those best wishes, however, are prefaced by a word of warning and a note of caution.

Every year, high school students are tempted to include alcohol in their prom and graduation activities, and every year I am moved to remind all concerned that alcohol-related automobile crashes are the number one killer of 16-year-olds.

Getting the message to the young

people is, unfortunately, no longer enough. Many of us are aware that some parents actually provide the beer and liquor for these celebratory events, in the misconceived notion that the children can safely drink under adult supervision.

The danger of DUI incidents is

very real, but so are the possibilities of acute alcohol poisoning, and accidents unrelated to automobiles.

I urge parents to consider the consequences their actions might bring. First, it is simply illegal to provide alcohol to anyone under age 21. You would be breaking the law, and worse, you would be sending a strong message to teens that it is perfectly acceptable to do so.

Sincerely,
LYNN C. WEEKS
EHS Golf Coach

Coach says thank you for golf help

Dear Editor,

The Elba High School Boys and Girls golf tournament was held recently at the Elba Country Club, and \$1,400 was raised for the two teams. The money will be used to

buy team-shirts and bags as well as cover travel expenses incurred during the season.

The team members and I would like to express our appreciation to everyone who participated in the

match.

Sincerely,
LYNN C. WEEKS
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ELBA POLICE REPORT

APRIL 6th THRU APRIL 12th, 1998

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, April 6, 1998, investigated the following incidents: three assaults, one highway intoxication, one harassing communication, one breaking and entering, three thefts of property, two DUIs, two burglaries, two harassments, one leaving the scene of an accident, one disorderly conduct, three criminal misdeeds, one menacing, and one criminal trespass.

Arrests made during the week were as follows: one for trespassing, one for highway intoxication, and two for disorderly conduct. Traffic citations issued for the week were as follows: two for DUI, one for reckless driving, and two for driving while driver's license is revoked.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

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Cliff Donaldson prepares to crank up his old faithful tractor as a prelude to planting his 1998 spring garden.

Everything 'cept weeds grows in his garden

by Bernie Cobb,
Certified Master Gardener

From law enforcement to show-casing gardening might sound like a strange turn of events for some people. But not for Cliff Donaldson, one of Coffee County's finest examples of picture-perfect vegetable gardening.

"When he plants his garden," one friend recently remarked, "you had better just jump back out of the way and watch it grow." After listening to admirers, and after talking with the retired law enforcement officer myself, I'm convinced that Donaldson grows everything in his garden that can possibly grow here in southeast Alabama. Except weeds.

Donaldson lives in an engaging brick home situated on a well-manicured landscape just south of New Brockton on Highway 84. He plants about eight acres in Bahia grass and cover each year for his cows. But, for himself and the many other beneficiaries of his garden, he tends to about one and a half acres purely for vegetables. A variety of fruit trees are also scattered around the property.

The expert gardener was born in Coffee County and farmed a lot as a youth here and in Florida. But, it was later in California that he pursued a career in law enforcement and eventually retired in 1984. In 1992, unable to buy the land he wanted at a reasonable price in California, it was back to Coffee County where he could garden and enjoy his retirement years.

I reported that he grows just about everything. That's not quite true. "I don't fool much with Irish potatoes," the tall, muscular gardener admitted. "But I do like to grow sweet potatoes. I once had a sweet potato that weighed 11 pounds and it didn't even crack. We plant them as late as possible, usually in May, and pick them as early as we can, like in August," Donaldson explained. "We also grow a lot of watermelon."

And then, there's the togetherness that he and Miss Doris enjoy. "We walk together out in the garden every day, except Sunday. We just enjoy it. Finally, we said we weren't going to do any work in the garden on Saturdays and Sundays. But, the first thing you know we were out there on Saturdays too," he confessed. "But we still don't work in the garden on Sundays."

"Any advice for the beginning gardeners from an old pro?" I asked. "Tell them to make sure they don't have a lot else to do if they are going to have a big garden," he answered. "There's a lot of chores to do and it can become a full-time job."

"But," he added, "it's fun for us and we enjoy doing it."

AREA DEATHS

IRENE LAMPLEY
Mrs. Irene Lampley of the Shady Grove Community of Elba died April 5, 1998. She was born June 30, 1917, to Jesse and Ella Turner in Coffee County.

Funeral services were held April 9, 1998, at 1:30 p.m. at Shady Grove A.M.E. Church, with Rev. Freddie Flowers officiating. Burial was in Shady Grove A.M.E. Cemetery, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include five sisters: Mert Mincey, Elba; Eric Coleman, Ozark; Myrtle Brannon, Guntersville; Mary B. Caldwell, Panama City, Fla.; Ouida Jones, Weirton, W.V.

MARY BERNICE SHARPLESS
Mrs. Mary Bernice Sharpless, age 86, of Elba, died April 9, 1998, in Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp.

Funeral services were held April 11, 1998, at 10:30 a.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. Robert Paul officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing. The family requests that memorials be made to the Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund in Elba.

Survivors include two nephews: Dudley Reeves, Opp; Fellis O'Neal, Tallahassee, Fla.; four nieces: Gladys McKewen, Opp; Nell Ballard, Chancelor, Iowa; Roberts, Albany, Ga.; Helen Beth Jackson, Gulf Breeze, Fla.

ROBERT LEE MATTHEWS
Mr. Robert Lee Matthews, age 50, of Elba, died April 9, 1998, at his home.

Funeral services were held April 11, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Robert Paul officiating. Burial followed in the Lowery Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his mother: Louise Matthews; daughter, Summer Dawn Matthews; son, Corky Lee Matthews; daughter-in-law, Runko Matthews.

"TY" K. MARTIN
Mr. "Ty" K. Martin, age 39, of Rt. 4, Opp, died April 10, 1998, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held April 13, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Bernie Reese and Rev. Rube Clark officiating. Burial was in the Antioch Church Cemetery, Elba.

Survivors include his wife: Alzie Lee Tidwell, Enterprise; sons and daughters-in-law: Robert and Ruby Tidwell, Chancelor; Grady and Peggie Tidwell, Pansey; daughters

Grimes, Opp; Deborah Paglia, Ulica, Mich.

TOTSIE BYRD O'NEAL
Mrs. Totsie Byrd O'Neal, (nee Winnie Delle Byrd), age 89, of Treasure Island, Fla., formerly of Andalusia and born in Elba, died March 11, 1998, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mrs. O'Neal was the daughter of Wyatt Oates and Winnie Delle Byrd of Elba. She was raised in Elba by her grandparents, Judge Samuel M. and Laura Elizabeth Flournoy Rowe, and was a former teacher. She was preceded in death by her husband, Milton Henry "Benny" O'Neal Sr.

Funeral services were held March 14 at 11 a.m. at Foreman Brown-Service Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Walker Epps officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba.

Survivors include a son: Milton H. O'Neal Jr., Treasure Island, Fla.; a brother-in-law: Robert O'Neal, Andalusia; nieces and nephews: Bond O'Neal, Louise O'Neal, all of Andalusia; Isabel O'Neal Daniel, Mobile; Tommy O'Neal, Birmingham; James O'Neal and George Davis O'Neal, Troy; Ann O'Neal Krieger, Montgomery, Ala.; Kathryn Rowe, Berger, Fla.; Charles O'Neal, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; McWhorter O'Neal Kremer and Dudley Lee O'Neal, Destin, Fla.; Helen O'Neal McLenon, Opp; Malcolm O'Neal, Tampa, Fla.; Shirley Mae O'Neal Bicknell, Shreveport, La.; cousins Margaret Garrett Bynum and Jeanette Garrett, Auburn; Margaret Elizabeth Rowe, Houston; Tex.; Carolyn Rowe, Harrold, Tazewell, Va.; Kathryn Rowe, Berger, Mobile; Henrietta Flournoy Till, Brewton; Henrietta Rowe Jordan and Dr. Steven William Rowe, Gadsden, (11p)

NOAH TIDWELL
Mr. Noah Tidwell, age 87, of Rt. 6, Enterprise, died April 13, 1998, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held April 15, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Bernie Reese and Rev. Rube Clark officiating. Burial was in the Antioch Church Cemetery, Elba.

Survivors include his wife: Alzie Lee Tidwell, Enterprise; sons and daughters-in-law: Robert and Ruby Tidwell, Chancelor; Grady and Peggie Tidwell, Pansey; daughters

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Survivors include his wife: Alzie Lee Tidwell, Enterprise; sons and daughters-in-law: Robert and Ruby Tidwell, Chancelor; Grady and Peggie Tidwell, Pansey; daughters

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CHURCH

Taylor Baptist sets homecoming this week

Taylor Community Baptist Church, in the Taylor Hill Community, will have homecoming Sunday, April 19. Services will include Sunday School at 10 a.m.,

worship at 11, with lunch served at the noon hour and singing in the afternoon. All former members, pastors and teachers are invited, along with the

community. Revival will begin April 20, with Rev. James Adcock, a former pastor, as guest evangelist. Everyone is invited.

2319 or 393-1937. Also, anyone may visit the church's web site at <http://netministries.org/sec/church-es.exe/ch03106>



Under Grace concert planned at BPWC

"Under Grace," a contemporary Christian group founded by Jimmy Lunsford, will be in concert at Batten Praise and Worship Center in Enterprise on Sunday, April 19, beginning at 6 p.m.

Batten Praise and Worship Center, a non-denominational church, is located on Hwy. 27 South

(Geneva Highway) in Enterprise at the flashing yellow light at Batten Crossroads. Everyone is invited. For more information, call the church at 347-

Crossroads to host evangelist

Evangelist Andy Bryan will minister at Crossroads Worship Center April 19-22. Service on Sunday morning only will begin at 10 o'clock, and Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Crossroads Worship Center is located in Daleville across from Piggly Wiggly on old Highway 134. For more information contact Pastor Jerry Grillo Sr. at 598-5714.

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NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 6:30 p.m.

MULBERRY HILLS CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class 6:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME - Rev. F.L. Flowers

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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LIFESTYLES

Williams, Taylor are wed

Miss Jennifer Leigh Williams and Erik Daniel Taylor exchanged wedding vows March 21, 1998, at two o'clock in the afternoon at Trinity United Methodist Church in Prattville. The Rev. John Bonner and Minister T. Kevin Dewberry, cousin of the bride, of Pell City, performed the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. John Michael Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Charles Taylor, all of Prattville.

Mrs. Dawn Rye, pianist, accompanied Mrs. Becky Jones, vocalist. Traditional wedding marches were used.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an empire gown of white satin. The sweetheart bodice featured a heavy lace overlay. Her cathedral-length veil of illusion fell from a headpiece of lace and pearls. The bride bouquet was an arrangement of white tulips.

Miss Shea Wadsworth was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Heather Ellenburg, cousin of the bride, of Mobile; Erin Monk, Mobile; Miss Colbi Faulk, Mrs. Tanya Gilliland and Mrs. Amber Hanson.

The groom's father served as best man. Groomsman and ushers were



Jennifer Williams Taylor

Jason Taylor and Brandon Taylor, brothers of the groom; Damon Daniels, Tommy Hanson and Michael Gilliland.

Ashton Taylor, niece of the groom, and Jessica Mitchell were flower girls. Clint Williams served as ring bearer. The page was Jordan

Piney Woods set this weekend

The 24th annual Piney Woods Arts Festival, presented by the Coffee County Arts Alliance, will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19, on the grounds at Enterprise State Junior College. Hours will be Saturday, 9:30 - 5; and Sunday - 12 Noon - 5 p.m.

Many artists and craftspeople will be displaying a wide variety of works: pottery, woodturnings, paintings, hand carvings, jewelry. New works will include natural soaps, painted gourds, still lifes, clothes.

Entertainment will feature clogging, school singing groups, ESJC Entertainers, and others.

There will be a sports and antique car show; quilts, young artists' works; concessions, bake sale.

The Arts Festival is made possible by a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts.



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Location changed for Killingsworth, Crowe wedding

Due to recent flood damage, the wedding ceremony and reception of Leah Anne Crowe and Todd Judson Killingsworth will take place at the First Assembly of God Church, Elba, on Saturday, April 18, at five o'clock in the afternoon. All family and friends are invited to attend.



More than 250 exhibitors are expected at Calico Fort in Ft. Deposit this weekend

Calico Fort plans 27th event

This 27th annual Calico is planned to be bigger and better than ever. Scheduled for April 18 and 19 in Ft. Deposit, Ala., visitors of every age will find something to see, to buy, and to enjoy.

Approximately 250 exhibitors from 13 states including the Carolinas, Texas, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Illinois, Colorado, Ohio, Louisiana, New York, Florida, and every part of Alabama, have been selected to represent the best artisans and craftsmen in their respective areas. One can expect to find hand-

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12-20 oz. PACKS CREAM STYLE CORN (White).....	\$14.62
20 lb. SHOE PEG CORN BULK.....	\$14.47
20 lb. BULK CUT OKRA (Unbreaded).....	\$12.10
20 lb. BULK BLACKEYE PEAS.....	\$12.74
20 lb. BULK FIELD PEAS W/SNAPS.....	\$12.96
20 lb. BULK WHITE ACRE PEAS.....	\$14.90
20 lb. BULK PURPLE HULL PEAS.....	\$12.74
20 lb. CUT SQUASH (Unbreaded).....	\$10.58
12/3 lb. PACKS COLLARDS.....	\$16.63
12/3 lb. PACKS TURNIPS W/ROOTS.....	\$16.63
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SPORTS

Views from

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

The Mularz family went down to Mobile for the Easter weekend to visit with Grandma, and before heading home got the chance to visit with some old friends, hide and hunt Easter eggs, do a little shopping, and pay some special respects to my Dad. It was the first time we had ever been home at Easter with Dad not around, and even though he was very much alive in my heart, and always will be.

CLEANING OFF THE DESK....

***The Elba Tigers will put their state playoff hopes on the line Monday afternoon when they host the Headland Rams in a crucial Area contest. The Tigers defeated the Rams last week 4-3 to get a leg up on Headland for the runner-up spot in the playoffs, and need a win next week to wrap up the berth. A loss will force a one-game playoff for the playoff berth, so, the Tigers need to go ahead and get the job done at home. C'mon Tigers, show what you can do and make the post-season party with a big homefield win.

***The New Brockton Gamecocks have quietly posted an 8-4 record this season and closed out the regular season with a 3-3 mark in the Area. The Gamecocks have one of the youngest teams around, but the players have been playing in the youth leagues for years, and the experience is finally beginning to pay dividends. The Gamecocks will need a little help to make the playoffs, but no matter what happens in the closing days of the season, the Gamecocks have made it known that they do indeed know how to play, and win, in baseball.

***The Elba Lady Tigers won two and lost two last week in high school softball to move their record to 10-4 for the season. The four losses have been by a total of only five runs, which shows just how close the girls have come to winning every time they have taken the field. A good team makes its own breaks, and as the Lady Tigers get more experience they should get a few breaks and maybe get some more big wins.

***The 4th annual Sweet Swingers High School Softball Classic will be held this weekend at Hawkins-Williams park, in Elba, and this year a total of 16 teams are expected to compete in the two divisions. The big school division has only four teams, and may be on its last leg in the annual event, while 12 teams will hit the field in the small school division, and it looks like one of the most evenly matched fields ever. C'mon out Saturday and watch the girls in action. They will show you that slow-pitch softball is very much a sport that needs to stay around in Alabama for years to come.

***The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation held its player drafts last week and it looks like the biggest and busiest summer ever for the department, its coaches, and, of course, the players. There will be over 40 teams competing during the regular season in baseball and softball, with over 650 players and 100 coaches taking part in the season. When the All-Star tournaments roll around a total of 11 teams will take the field to compete for the right to advance on to state competition. Not bad numbers for a players in a town the size of Elba!

Players drafted for Parks and Rec teams

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation held its "Player Drafts" last week in boys baseball and girls softball, with all teams selected except girls tee-ball and girls softball ages 16 and under.

Following are team rosters in both baseball and softball:

BASEBALL

TEE-BALL
• BRAVES - Coach Shane Spurlin. Players are Devin Jackson, Ashton Davis, Sage Kelley, Gage Craig, Ben Pope, Ryan Pope, Janzen Flowers, Michael Spurlin, Brandon Byrd, Denonto Tillis, Zachary Evans, Brent Ordway, John Bradshaw, Morgan Oglesby, Dylan Garner, Jacob Pettie.
• CARDINALS - Coach Stevie Sauls. Players are Chase Sauls, Jaron Kelley, Garrett Dunn, Connor Kelley, Tevin Kelley, Dylan Manning, Justin Mallory, Dylan Hays, Jerry Dorsey, Jonathan Kelley, Jahari Cole, Marshall George, Jason Allen, Chad Eddins.

• DODGERS - Coach George Homya. Players are Brakin Hutto, Daniel Bannin, Billy Driggers, Kaseem Siler, Jason Williamson, Chance Goosby, Donnell Horstead, Sandarvis Reed, Robby Forbes, Joshua Maddox, Tyreece Daniels, Taylor Cotton, Marcus Caldwell, Alexander Dixon, Joseph Parrish.

• BLUE JAYS - Coach Earl McCollough. Team members are Jason Walden, Lewis Johnson, Brandon Harbuck, Chase Boutwell, Chase Graham, Derrick Jackson, Aaron McCollough, Antwon Tillis, Wesley Calhoun, Jacob Forbes, Adam Henderson, Chafin Jriggers, Brad Sullivan, Derrick Manning, William Carpenter.

• ATHLETICS - Coach Keith Parker. Team members are Reynar Rogers, Steven Edwards, Layman Ware, Rob Allen, Shawn Abbott, Clint Bradshaw, Chase Boutwell, Zachary Tyler, Colton Creel, Andrew Blenn, Dustin Rhoades, Justin West, Jesse Oglesby, Corey

COACH-PITCH
• CURS - Coach Jeff Williamson. Players are Trey Brunson, Brock Lambert, Keenan Phillips, Morgan Bolling, Quenton Caldwell, Seth Coleman, Jonathan Maddox, Jordan McBride, Jason Williamson, Sam Williams, Judd Williamson, Dekembe Bullard, Aaron Harrelson, Blake Qualls.

• GIANTS - Coach Mike Sanders. Players are Devin Jackson, Cody Sasser, Donta Tillis, Richard Cooks, Michael Jackson, Jason Mitchell, Ashley Sanders, Zachery Stephens, Bradley Wilson, Bobby Hudson, CJ Johnson, Austin Parrish, Dimetrio Tyson, Deymond Williams.

• REDS - Coach Doug Martin. Players are Kevin Allen, Trey Belcher, Aaron Drewery, Ethan Dismukes, Matthew Gibson, Martin McCormick, Justin Pike, Don Rhoades, Quinton Turner, Caleb Davis, Flu-Quann Hill, Trey Martin, Graham Morrow, Christopher Salter.

• RAYS - Coach Merrill Shirley. Players are Kendall Chappell, Donnie Stinson, Jamison Baker, Caleb Bannin, Griffin Cash, Merrill Curran, Andrew Head, Dylan McCollough, Robert Paul, Dallas Williams, Matthew Brunson, Will

Lady Tigers improve to 10-4

The Elba Lady Tigers hit the softball field twice last week in double-header action and claimed two wins and two losses to move their record on the season to 10 wins and 4 losses.

The Lady Tigers dropped a twin-bill to Arton 4-2 and 12-11, in eight innings, but rebounded to defeat Geneva County 15-8 and 11-4 to salvage the week's action.

Following are highlights of last week's Lady Tiger softball action:

ARITON 4

ELBA 2

The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind early and never caught up as they fell to the Arton Purple Cats 4-2, last Tuesday afternoon in Arton.

The Tigers fell behind 3-0 after three innings and trailed 4-0 after four, then saw a late rally fall short as they took the narrow loss.

Kendra Vaughan, Melissa Grantham and Vaughan Boyd all got 2 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Melissa Mularz was the losing pitcher despite allowing only six hits.

ARITON 12

ELBA 11

The Elba Lady Tigers rallied late to send the game into extra innings, but then couldn't hold off a Purple Cat rally as Arton scored four runs

in the bottom of the eighth to pull out the 12-11 win.

Elba trailed 8-1 after five innings and appeared to be headed for a lopsided loss, but the Lady Tigers cut the lead to 8-3 in the sixth and then scored five runs in the seventh, with key hits being back-to-back home runs by Bonnie Vaughan and Kendra Vaughan, to send the game into an extra inning.

The Lady Tigers played three runs in the top of the eighth, only to see Arton score four runs in the bottom of the frame to take the wild win.

Bonnie Vaughan and Kendra Vaughan both got 3 hits and both ripped home runs to lead the Lady Tigers at the plate, while Rosalinda McKinnon and Raeann McCollough added 2 hits each. Melissa Mularz took the loss on the mound.

The Elba Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and held on late to down the Geneva County Lady Bulldogs 15-8, Thursday afternoon in Elba.

The Lady Tigers combined eight hits with seven walks to grab a big 11-2 lead after three innings, then added three runs in the sixth to turn back a Geneva County rally and post the win.

Bonnie Vaughan and Melissa Mularz both got 3 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Amber Frederick added 2 hits. Mularz was the winning pitcher as she allowed only six hits in seven innings.

Geneva County owned a 4-3 lead after scoring two runs in the top of the third. However, the Lady Tigers played five hits in the bottom of the frame to regain command, and rolled to the impressive win.

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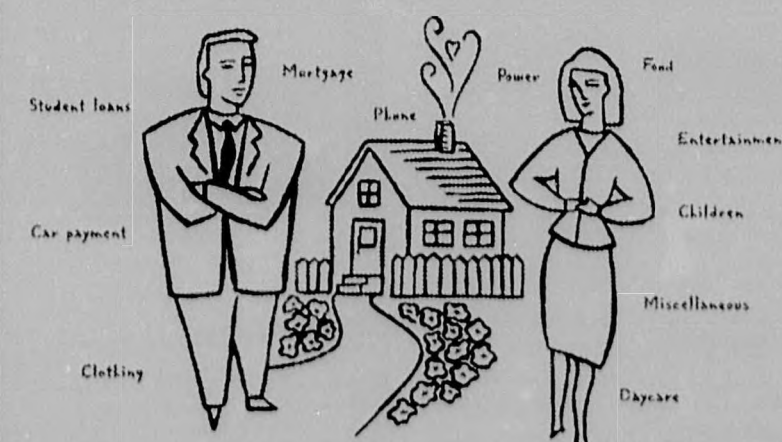
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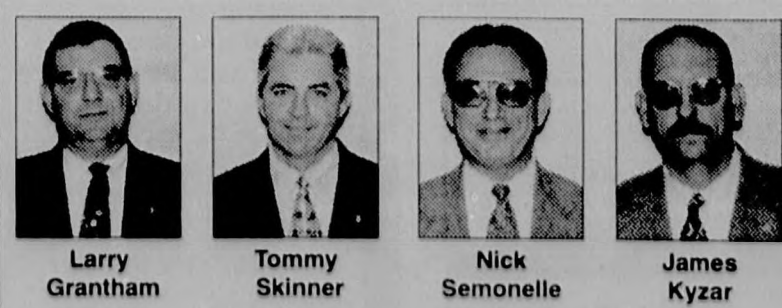
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Tigers defeat Headland, fall to Opp, Rehobeth

The Elba Tigers hit the baseball diamond three times last week, and although they only managed one win, that win was a big one as the Tigers edged past Headland 4-3 to keep alive their state playoff hopes.

The Tigers closed the week with an 8-10 record, 1-2 in Area action, and in second place in the Area standings.

Following are highlights of last week's baseball action:

ELBA 4

HEADLAND 3

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and held on late to down the Headland Rams 4-3, last Tuesday afternoon in Headland.

Elba jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead on a first inning home run by Julian Mitchell, and increased its lead to 2-0 in the second when Josh Dawkins played long ball and drilled a solo home run.

The Tigers' lead went to 3-0 in the third when an rbi single by Derek Marler knocked in Mitchell, and the Tigers appeared in command in the fourth when Brandon Salter doubled in Dawkins to give Elba a big 4-0 advantage.

The Rams cut the Elba lead to 4-2 in the sixth on a two-run homer, and pulled within 4-3 with two outs in the seventh, only to strand two runners on base as the Tigers' Brooks Creel sealed the win with a ground-out to end the game.

Derek Marler got two hits and collected one rbi to lead Elba at the plate, while Julian Mitchell and Josh Dawkins both added solo home runs. Brooks Creel pitched seven innings to pick up the win, and the lanky sophomore allowed only three hits, while striking out three batters.

OPP 10
ELBA 2

The Elba Tigers travelled to Opp on Wednesday afternoon and came home stinging from a 10-2 whipping at the hands of the Bobcats.

The Tigers were tied at 1-1 in the top of the second after an rbi single by Brooks Creel knocked in Dustin

Stinson; however, the Bobcats put the next six runs on the board and pulled out to a 7-1 lead by the end of the third inning.

The Tigers pulled within 7-2 in the sixth when Derek Marler doubled and later scored on an rbi single by Ronnie Davis, but it was the last run the Tigers would score, and Opp added three late runs to claim the 10-2 win.

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The Tigers struck first in the key Area contest and grabbed a quick 1-0 lead when Kevin Dodd singled and later scored on an rbi single by Ronnie Davis.

Elba played two runs in the second to stun the Rebels by moving

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Rehobeth scored three runs on only two hits over the next two innings to pull even at 3-3 in the fourth, then sneaked ahead 6-3 in the fifth on a pair of long home runs.

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Kevin Dodd, Ronnie Davis and LaDon Daniels all got two hits to lead the Tigers at the plate, while freshman Brandon Salter took the loss on the mound as he allowed eight hits and two walks, while striking out six batters.

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New Brockton Elementary School students, shown above, earned at least 25 points in their school's Accelerated Reader Program.

Elementary students earn recognition in New Brockton's reading program

New Brockton Elementary School students have participated in the Accelerated Reader Program of their school during the second and third nine-week periods.

In the program students read books on their level, take a computerized test and are awarded points according to the difficulty of the book and test accuracy.

Those participating in the 25-point club during the second nine weeks are: SECOND GRADE: Josh Roberts, Aaron Pope, Marie Cochran, Breonna Jones, Megan Grosland, Jessica Sharp, Amber Carmichael, Jacob Senn, Shane Adkinson, Bethany Milligan, Courtney Foster, Ginny Smith, D.J. Blevins, Nathan Foster, Kishwana Neal, THIRD GRADE: Dusty York, Craig Cheesborough, Trey Bradley, Luke Simmons, Brandon Sims, Emanuel Magwood, Chastity Wood, Michael Cunningham, Tori Stone, Andrea Proffitt, Collin Creech, FOURTH GRADE: Stephen Hines, Ashley Flowers, Eric Bandy, Hilary Mock, Derrick Cook, Brandi Howard, Ted Eubanks, Rashard Andrews, Whitney Donaldson, FIFTH GRADE: Yameka Hall, Matthew Creech, Ashley Massey, Dena Howell, Brittany Copp, Kelly Cheesborough, Daniel Parker, Sierra Hussey, Spring Garrett, Danielle Hines, Maressa Loman, Rheanna Deaderick, Jessica Phillips, Wesley McCormick, Stephanie Hearold, Kenneth Powell, Lee Rogers, Adrienne Cox, B.J. Perry, John Hanna, SIXTH GRADE: Tommy Adkinson, Tiffany Adkinson, Lakira Hall, Kelly Griffin, Josh White, Rishawn Foster, Jennifer Andrews, Kerry Grimes, Nina West, Brandon Pynes, Jessica Oghum, Tyler Simmons, Channon Suckey, Justin Thomas, Brittney Griswold, Megan Holloway, J.L. Wood, Josh Capps, Chris Wratchford, Mitch Downing, Jonathan Bryant, Dianna Cotter, Garrett Roberts, Lucas Richardson.

Students entering the 25-point club during the third nine weeks are: Angel Miller, Britanni Jones, Jason Wratchford, Felicia Grimes, Jessica Fuller, Callie Hollis, Mark Windham, Jesse Senn, Ashley Tidwell, Ashlie Caylor, Saraco Horstead, Lyndsey Tillery, Christian Izuierdo, Aaron Cotter, Bron Taylor, Mark Doak, Desman Harris, Amber Adams, Chelsea Dempsey, Adam White, Cullen Martin, Gwen Costner, Heath Hollis, Jeremiah Barefoot, Jerry Marsh, Harrison Harris, Chris Bedsole, Jacqueline Cardwell, Russell Burwell, Amanda Hornsby, Brandon Griswold, Josh Senn, Andrea Hickman, Ashley Stanford, Jessica Parrish, Jeremy Driggers, Vanessa Stuckey, Anita Holloway, Brigitte Kelly, Derrick Bandy, Matthew Fales, Robert Spencer, Sarah Speigner, Chelsea Wood, Brandon Bell, Mytisha Andrews, Merisa Rogers, Lawanda McVinn, Daniel Kelley, Jenna Howell, John Sawyer, Bethany Milligan.

NBHS releases honor rolls

New Brockton High School has released the following honor rolls for the third nine-week grading period.

ALLA'S

- Seventh grade - Daniel Hernandez, Glenn Kelley, Jody McCormick, Melanie McGlothlen, Dusty Medley, Delora Moore, Joseph Sawyer.
- Eighth grade - Lauren Allums, Kendra Cole, Jenna Donaldson, Ashley Green, Veronica Hernandez, Jeff Rogers.
- Ninth grade - Lorie Donaldson, Kelley Hilyer, Jimmy Layton, Kellen Cole, Pate Harrison, Britany Mobley, Jessica Spivey, Crystal Tatem.
- Tenth grade - Clint Anderson, Justin Campbell, Paul McMonagle.

ALLA'S AND B'S

- Seventh grade - Jeremy Anderson, Connie Brown, Randy Danford, Kelli Green, Johnathan Hart, Wendy Heaslip, Cindra Henderson, Briauna McKenzie, Eric Williams, Haley Wise.
- Eighth grade - Brooke Anderson, Justin Edwards, Jessica Eubanks, Devin Kelley, Andrea McDermont, Brett Pearson, Danielle Rowe, Ashley Senn, Emily D. Smith, Tiffany Smith, Tabatha Walden, Jeremy Windham.
- Ninth grade - Nicky Anderson, Vicki Becker, Jeffrey Campbell, Jimmy Cooper, Nichol Cox, Austin Harris, Chris Hines, Troy Jernigan.

Zion Chapel Menus

Zion Chapel Schools submitted the following menus for the week of April 20th.

BREAKFAST

- Monday - Apple Cinnamon Muffin, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk.
- Tuesday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk.
- Wednesday - Scrambled Egg, Ham Slice, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk.
- Thursday - Cereal, Cheese Toast, Juice, Milk.
- Friday - Biscuit, Sausage, Jelly, Cereal, Milk, Juice.

LUNCH

- Monday - Chicken Sandwich, Hoagie, Whole Potatoes, Peas/Carrots, Fruit, Ice Cream Cup, Milk.
- Tuesday - Corn Dog Nuggets, Barbecue Sandwich, Baked Potato, Half, Green Beans, Fruit, Cookie, Milk.
- Wednesday - Fried Chicken, Burrito, Lite Potato Salad, Blackeyed Peas, Fruit, Rolls, Banana Pudding, Milk.
- Thursday - Steak Sandwich, Corn Dog, Cole Slaw, Fruit, French Fries, Chocolate Cake, Milk.

New Brockton Elementary School releases third nine-week honors

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A HONOR ROLL

- First grade - Mytisha Andrews, Chelsea Dempsey, Danny Pair, Noel Reynolds, Jeremiah Barefoot, Ryan Tutor, Chelsea Smith, Brittney Eubanks, Jessica Parrish.
- Second grade - Shane Adkinson, Nathan Foster, Christian Izuierdo, Aaron Pope, Ginny Smith, Amber Carmichael, Megan Grosland, Daniel Kelley, Andrew Fuller, Britanny Warden, Angel Miller, D.J. Blevins, Bethany Milligan, Jacob Senn.
- Third grade - Justin Corbin, Brad Paden, Ashley Tidwell, Brandon Griswold, Chastity Wood, Andrea Proffitt, Nick O'Neal, Eri Hanna, Luke Simmons, Ben Parrish.
- Fourth grade - Rashard Andrews, Whitney Donaldson, Bradley Nichols, Hilary Mock, Chelsea Wood, Ashlie Caylor, Emily Hardiman, John Sawyer, Anna Bryant, Derrick Cook, Stephen Hines, Kayleigh Watson, Caitlin Murray.
- Fifth grade - Matthew Creech, Rhanna Deaderick, Wesley McCormick, Amber Oghum, DeAnna Donaldson, Brett Parrish.
- Sixth grade - Heather Carroll, Dianna Cotter, Layton Griffin, Tyler Simmons, Andrew Hardiman.

A & B HONOR ROLL

- First grade - Ashley Anderson, Hannah Ducitt, Justin Flowers, Amy Hill, Dustin Jowers, Jessica Lewis, Courtney Winters, Brandon Bell, Caitlin Edwards, Amber Hawkins, Ashley Horton, Zackery Kelley, Kyle Osborn, Kelli Green, Darcy McVinn, Daniel Cascel, Vanessa Stuckey, Jeremy Johnson, Terry Knight, Hayden Smith, Anthony Nevels.
- Second grade - Mary Bandy,

Brittney Long, Josh Roberts, Nicky Smith, Chris Thames, Matthew McEwan, Jeremy Driggers, Callie Hollis, Cullen Martin, Savanna Senn, Brandi Taylor, Courtney Foster, Zach Boatwell, Chris Bedsole, Breonna Jones, Malory Meissner, LeHill Shirley, Bron Taylor, Kyle Purvis, Megan Davis.

Third grade - Trey Bradley, Craig Cheesborough, Felicia Grimes, Jason Wratchford, Heath Hollis, Collin Danley, Will Sims, Gwen Costner, Greg Patterson, Timmy Ducitt, Tracy Senn, Brandon Sims, Jacqueline Cardwell, Mark Doak, Stevie Speigner, Bon Deaderick, Tori Stone, Anita Holloway, Seth Brown, Dusty York.

Fourth grade - Justin Allums, Ted Eubanks, Andrea Holloway, Sarah Speigner, Katie Richardson, Hannah Shy, Whitney Donaldson, Alicia Burks, Matthew Fales, Josh Howell, Mark Windham, William Bond, Lyndsey Tillery, Jessica Fuller, Sabrina Carpenter, Ashley Flowers, Georgia Smith, Tristin Terry, Whitney Mack, Chad Anderson, Brad Sewell.

Fifth grade - Amber Adams, Brittney Copp, Danielle Hines, Dawn Jenkins, Jessica Phillips, Lori Wade, Allen Herrington, Sheri Eaton, Joseph McKinney, Brandon Dalrymple, David Bollingham, Candace Harbuck, Sonya Hornsby, Maressa Loman, Merisa Rogers, Wesley Tatem, Nichole Estes.

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Vica Spotlight



Ayida Cumberland

Cumberland keeps busy at Hardee's

by Diana Jackson

This week's VICA Spotlight focuses on Ayida Cumberland. She works as a cashier at Hardee's. Ayida is the daughter of Martha Parker and Eddard Cumberland and is a senior at Elba High School. She is a member of the Journalism staff, FBLA - president, FJHA - secretary, PALS - reporter, VICA and Sr. Beta. Her hobbies include writing and spending time with her family.

After high school Ayida plans to attend college in Manhattan, New York, and major in psychology or law.

Tiger Tales

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Editor

Elizabeth
Strong,
Assistant Editor



"Jackie" Cowen, "Lucious Ladonna" Daniels, and "Tarnisha J'Quetta" Crawford

Miss Spring Break crowned

by Shea Free

The annual Miss Spring Break Pageant was held Friday, March 27. Theme for this year's pageant was "A Spring Break Day at Panama City Beach."

Contestants in the pageants were the senior boys dressed as girls during spring break.

The gym was decorated as the "strip" at PCB, with motels, restaurants, shops, cars, and yes, even the strip itself. There were 13 lovely "ladies" who entertained the crowd. Each lady did "her" walk and was asked a question by the emcees, Miss Elbala Leslie Stinson and Jr. Miss Elbala Valence Moore. Judges were Mrs. Bailey, Coach Grimes, and Coach English.

As entertainment, six journalism girls - Marsha Mauldin, Misty Kelly, Anna Head, Diana Jackson, Shea Free, and Brandee Farris - dressed as the Village People and performed the "YMCA."

"Lucious Ladonna" Daniels was crowned Miss Spring Break, first runner-up was "Tarnisha J'Quetta" Crawford, and second runner up was "Jackie" Cowen.

Students taking SAT tests

by Lee English

The week of April 13-17 - this week - the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT) is being given at Elba High School.

All students in grades 7-11 are taking this test. Gift certificates, popcorn, bonus points, candy, and soft drinks are being offered if good scores are achieved.



Heather Dubose, Elizabeth Strong, Brandie Mann

Students visit Washington

by Elizabeth Strong

On the week of Feb. 28 - Mar. 7, Elizabeth Strong, Brandie Mann, and Heather Dubose traveled to Washington, D.C., for Presidential Classroom. These three seniors enjoyed a busy week of fun, learning, and meeting new people.

While in Washington, D.C., the students toured the district, went to shows, and attended several seminars.

The girls had a great time and are glad they were offered such an excellent experience.

Journalism students plan field trip to WFSA

by Marsha Mauldin

On April 17, the Elba High School Journalism staff will travel to Montgomery to visit WFSA. Touring the station we will see firsthand what goes into making a successful news program and learn the processes of broadcast journalism.

We will watch the WFSA news team tape and edit the 6 o'clock report. Hopefully, this will help us in the production of our own news program, "Tiger Pause."

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Salvation Army rep Jean Moore accepts a check from (from left) Devri Kilcrease, Hunter Branch, Hannah Martin, and Blake Brunson

Students give to Salvation Army

by Jason Sasser

On Tuesday, April 7, the Elba City School System received a \$175 donation to be given to the Elba Salvation Army. The donation came from Lincoln Elementary School in Grand Forks, N.D.

Dr. Ann Porter, principal of the school, said they saw the flood troubles on T.V. The town has experienced a flood also and sympathized with Elba.

They raised the money on a school-sponsored activity called "Freaky Friday," and sent it to Elba students to give to the Elba Salvation Army.

The elementary and junior high SGA representatives took the donation on Tuesday and gave it to Jean Moore, a Salvation Army representative.

Was your spring break a bash or clash?

by Ayida Cumberland and Deana Gifford

As many of you know, everyone had big plans for their Spring Break. What we really want to know is, did everyone have a bash, or did their plans just kind of clash? Therefore, we asked members of the EHS student body the following question: "Where did you go, and what did you do?" Here are their responses:

Jason Sasser - I went to Dothan and chilled at the beach.

Tawanna Rodgers - I went to the beach and had a blast.

Marcus Parker - I went to the beach and partied.

Sha-Kira Stephens - I went to Ruby Tuesday's and worked Monday - Thursday, and Ayida and I went shopping.

Shannille Rowe - I stayed at home mostly, went to the beach on Monday and Thursday, and met up with Yida.

Anna Head - I went to the beach with Misty and Bonnie.

Ayida Cumberland - I worked, went shopping with Simone, talked on the phone with Simone, Deana, and Shanille, and then I went to the beach with my boys Derrick and Shay.

Teleisha Daniels - I went to the beach and chilled with my boyfriend Tim.

Elizabeth Strong - I went to Atlanta, Orlando, and to Panama City.

Brandee Farris - I went to the beach and chilled.

Tawanna Thomas - I went to the beach and chilled.

Shea Free - I went to the beach and had a lot of fun with my friends.

Parents' Night planned tonight at high school

Parents' Night will be held at Elba High School tonight, Thursday, April 16, at 6:30 in the auditorium. "It is especially important for parents of students in the eighth grade who will go to ninth grade next year to be present, to learn about the new state high school graduation requirements," said David Stokes, principal. Optional courses and programs offered by EHS will be discussed, as well as eligibility for sports and other topics.

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EARNING BY LEARNING RECOGNITION. Local school systems were honored recently for their assistance in administering the Earning by Learning Program during the past summer. Children were paid for reading books during the summer months. More than 140 students throughout the county participated in the program earning more than \$4,000.00. All of the funds were donated by individuals and businesses. The Earning by Learning Program is a non-profit corporation. Certificates were presented to local superintendents this week. Shown (top) making the presentation to Coffee County Schools Superintendent Rodger Bowden from Alabama Gov. Fob James are: J.P. Sawyer, Bowden, State Rep. Garrett Moore, and Wess Howell. Howell and Sawyer are board members of Earning by Learning. Shown (above) making the presentation to Elba City Schools Superintendent Charles Pearce are Moore and Howell.

Round and about with Eria Belcher 897-2006

***Scripture: Romans 15:1-17
 ***Thinking of you, praying for you: the Lane and Thigpen families, Rev. J.L. Grayer, Lawrence Bryant, Maggie Bryant, Timothy Thigpen, Lillian Tanks, Brenda Williams, Nunie Kelley, Versie Barnes, Ann Tyson, Maggie Headd, Virann Shakesphere, Marla Rideaux, Grover J. Belcher.

***YOUTH REVIVAL 98 - at St. John Baptist Church, Luverne, April 15, 16 & 17, 6 o'clock nightly - will feature the nationally renowned Pastor Arthur Smith, evangelist, of St. James Baptist Church, Wetumpka. Also the Master of Music, Eric Sharper (formerly of the Christians) will be providing the music each night, and conducting the musical workshop.

***The 26th anniversary program honoring Dr. and Mrs. John L. Grayer will be held at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 802 Newton St., April 19, at 2:30 p.m. Devotional - officers of Sweet Pilgrim and Poplar Spring; Sweet Pilgrim Choir will render music. Dea. Willie C. Tillis will give the welcome; tribute to pastor - Sister Janie Kelley; solo - Deacon Shelly Davis Jr.; anniversary sermon - Rev. Nathaniel Larkins, pastor, Sweet Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, Brundidge; presentation - Sis. Gladys Yelverton; special guests: Sweet Pilgrim, Poplar Spring, Springfield, Oak Grove, Piney Grove, Mt. Calvary, Bethlehem, Rocky Head and New Zion.

***Appreciation program for Mrs. Patti M. Culver and family will be held at Rocky Head M.B. Church, Elba, May 16, at 6 p.m. Anyone who would like to participate on the program may contact Mrs. Marietta Carpenter or Charlotte Caldwell.

***The Community Mass Choir will be in concert April 19 at 7 p.m. at the Southeast Singing Building in Elba. Rev. John Lawrence pastor. New Philadelphia COGIC of Elba will be guest choir. Everyone is

invited.
 ***Family and Friends Day celebration of the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor, was celebrated Easter Sunday, April 12, at 2:30 p.m. Theme: "Family and Friends Together In One Accord Praising God."
 ***Mistress of Ceremony - Sis. Marietta Carpenter; devotional - visiting officers; Harris Temple COGIC rendered music; welcome and occasion - Sis. Charlotte Caldwell; song - ShaKeitha, Chastity, Aubretta, LaRay, Stephanie, and Samantha Williams; Friends and Family - Sis.

Juanita Brooks; offering - visiting officers; presentation of speaker - Elder E. Johnson; speaker - Pastor W.K. Ellison, Harris Temple COGIC, Elba.
 ***Youth Need to Know: Briton Hammon was the first black prose writer of record with "A Narrative . . . of Briton Hammon, a Negro man in 1760." The first poet was Luck Terry with "Bars Flight" in 1746. One of the most prolific poets of the 18th century was Jupiter Hammon, a slave. Phillis Wheatly published her first poem in 1770. The birth of a real Negro literary tradition dates from 1853 when Alma Wells Brown

wrote "Clotel," the story of the hardships of a Mulatto family. W.E.B. DuBois and James Weldon Johnson commanded a national audience when DuBois wrote "Souls of Black Folk" in 1903, and Johnson produced his "Autobiography of an ex-coloured man," 1912. Countee Cullen carried poetry to new heights; Langston Hughes commanded attention and became known as the most durable of the Negro Renaissance. (America's Black History Calendar)
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 Grantham's Body Shop (original location)
 Marsh Insurance (original location downtown)
 Jeff Kelley's Law Office (located in New Brockton)
 Tambo Sales (original location downtown)
 NASCO Equipment (original location)
 Windham Fork Lift (original location downtown)
 Kenneth Calhoun State Farm Ins. (located on the square next to The Jewel Box)
 Circuit Clerk - upstairs in small courtroom
 State Probation and Parole Office - Upstairs at courthouse
 Cowart's Upholstery
 Denise's Hair & Nail Salon (original location downtown)
 Gloria's Beauty Salon (original location downtown)
 Hammonds' Body Shop
 Mr. Henry's
 Juliette's Restaurant
 Grantham's True Value Hardware
 Johnson's O.K. Tire Store
 Big/Little Store No. 13
 Windham Lumber Company
 Southern Country Realty (located across from Movie Gallery)
 Cook Chevrolet (Jim Cook Ford)
 The Peoples Bank (next to Jim Cook Ford)
 SouthTrust Bank (original location downtown)
 Dairy Queen
 Bradley's Florist (located in old Garden Gate Florist building)
 Runt's Elba Auto Sav Texaco Station
 Clements' Furniture Co.
 Hair Studio (located across from Movie Gallery in house with Southern Country Realty)
 Dollar General
 Marty Marler Attorney-at-Law (located at 1005 Farris St. across from Dairy Queen)
 Cannon & Vaughan
 Gerald Boswell Insurance
 Lawford's Ace Hardware
 Jared & Jared (next to Windham Lumber Co.)
 Elba Florist & Gift Shop
 Marsh Insurance (at home-957

Troy Highway)
 Hardie's
 EDSO Fasteners Inc.
 Kinner's Furniture
 Coffee County EMS
 Alfa Insurance (Hickman Ave., @ intersection of 203 Bypass)
 Elba Frame & Gift
 CarQuest/Taylor Parts
 Clark Furniture Co.
 Padgett Oil Co.
 Whitman Drug Co. (across from hospital)
 Kelly's Barbecue
 State Farm Insurance (both agents at Mike McGuire's office at 307 Adkinson)
 H & R Block (located in old Garden Gate Florist building)
 Family Dollar Store
 NAPA Auto Parts Store
 Quality Wood Works
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Relay for Life set May 15th

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 At 10 p.m. on May 15, a special luminary ceremony will be held to recognize survivors of the battle with cancer; honor survivors fighting the battle, and memorialize those who have lost the battle to cancer.
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Smart honored at CCA

Shawn Smart, of Elba, a junior at Crenshaw Christian Academy in Luverne, was recognized on Tuesday, March 17, during the annual High School Junior Honors Program by the University of Alabama Alumni Association. The program and dinner were held at the Luverne Country Club.

The Association recognizes the top academic students from Crenshaw County Schools, and Shawn was one of the top three junior class students selected by Headmaster Theresa Johnson.

Shawn is active in both academic and athletic activities. He is a member of the Beta Club, French Club, C. Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and "Who's Who Among American High School Athletes."

He is a member of the AISA IA 1997-98 state championship football and powerlifting teams, and represents the CCA Cougars as a member of the Track and Field team which will compete for state honors later this year.

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The Coffee County Commission will let bids for the purpose of reforesting the Elba County Courthouse and surrounding the steeple. The qualifications are as follows: Must be a factory certified roofer. Must be in business 5 years or more. Current certification of Workman's Compensation coverage. Current certification of liability insurance. Dunn & Bradstreet rating. Name of bonding company & point of contact. Provide proof of training & roofing educator. List of satisfied customers (5 minimum). Written proposal & sample of writing warranty to include GAF Smart Choice Warranty. Contractors interested in bidding may place up specifications at the County Commission Office in New Brockton, Alabama on or after April 13, 1998. 4-16-1c

LEGAL NOTICE

The Elba Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a public meeting on April 13, 1998, at 5:30 p.m. at temporary City Hall, 764 N. Clanton Ave., Elba, AL, to hear a request from Tracy Tyson to place a mobile home on Lots No. 9 and 14 of Block No. 9 of Mulberry Heights Subdivision of the City of Elba. 4-9, 16-1c

Mayor explains building priorities

Mayor James Grimes explained the priority schedule city officials have set on getting municipal buildings back in operation following the March 8th flood. The Senior Citizens building will be ready for use in less than a month, as will the police department building if the radio equipment is installed. These two facilities have first priority, explained Grimes.

The library is cleaned out and the custom built cabinets are under construction and then it will be ready for new books. The fire department is back in its building, but some renovations are still to be made.

City Hall will not be occupied for at least three months. Officials

are going ahead with some major renovations they were already committed to do... bringing the facility up to ADA (handicapped accessible) and other modifications.

Meanwhile the senior citizens are meeting at the Elba Assembly of God; the police department is headquartered at the airport and city hall is in the old Guard/Reserve Center on Claxton Avenue.

Flood insurance adjusters have submitted their estimate of damages on several of the facilities and the council approved Grimes' recommendation and accepted the settlements.

County

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said that some people out in the county had expressed a desire to be under the recent much publicized buy-out program.

Director of Coffee County's Emergency Management Agency Charles Webb briefed commissioners on the federally funded program as it applies to the county.

Webb told commissioners that the buy-out is part of a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and has to be applied for.

"The goal of the program is to support cost effective measures implemented during the recovery from a disaster that will reduce the risk of damage and suffering from future disasters," he said.

The director told members of the commission that the first step is to submit a notice of intent in participating in the program.

"This does not obligate the county to anything," Webb said. "It just says we're interested and may wish to participate."

Should the county decide there are indeed some areas that need to be moved or bought out, the county will then file an application.

Webb explained that funding for that comes from the federal and local government agencies.

Seventy-five (75) percent from the federal government and twenty-five (25) percent from local government.

He told commissioners that in order for persons to qualify for the program, they must have suffered repetitive damage and must express a desire to participate in the buy-out program.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook said that she had at least five (5) families who live near Whitewater Creek and Big Creek that have expressed a desire to be bought out.

Commissioner Stephens commented he had had one resident living near the Pea River to express the same sentiment.

The commission voted to allow Webb to proceed with filing the notice of intent.

County Engineer Randy Tindell asked for and received permission to assist the Town of New Brockton on repairs to flood damaged streets.

He also stated that town officials wanted the county to spray the rights-of-way inside the city limits for weed control.

Tindell told commissioners that the work would be done at the county's convenience and the town will reimburse the county for any expenses incurred.

The engineer requested that the commission pass a resolution entering into an agreement with the Federal Emergency Management

Dog

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The reward is for the arrest and conviction of person or persons who took the animal.

Whitworth added that the person or persons who took the dog will volunteer to return the animal, or send word where he can be picked up, there will be no questions asked.

The council also approved a settlement with Ken English canceling his lease-purchase of the old high school gym. English had gotten the building under the Wallace-Carter Act for new or expanding industry. There has been no business activity in the facility for several years.

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Grimes said Worth Tent wants to move their tent-making into this facility to allow more room for their weaving operation in the old middle school building. He said Elba doesn't want to lose Worth Tent and needs to work with the company in any way possible to help with the planned expansion.

The mayor indicated that there is a probability the Industrial Board will help with the payment of the \$20,000.

Insurance claim settlements on four city owned buildings have been offered by the flood insurance company. Claim forms on the contents of the buildings are still being filled out, according to Grimes. They are

also still awaiting a settlement offer on the city hall building. The council, after being assured the buildings can be repaired for these amounts, authorized the mayor and city clerk to sign the claims forms. They are \$45,340.45 for the senior citizens building, \$39,181.92 for the fire department, \$38,979.26 for the police department and \$17,709.20 for the rescue squad building.

Grimes also reported that the huge \$2.8 million sewer improvement project is ready to go and federal officials will be in town on April 22 with a check for that amount.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported the city is progressing with the clean-up of the town. He said there is a lot of trash still on the

roadside, but the city crews are working as fast as they can to get this cleared up. The two biggest problems for the street department are the bridges on Caroline Street and Tiger Drive, Morrow said. Both are closed due to flood damage. He said that engineers think that after they make sure there is no hidden damage, the bridges (or the approaches) can be repaired rather quickly and without major work on the bridges themselves.

The council approved going ahead with the previously contracted resurfacing of Reddock Hill Road. This had been held up following the March 8th flooding. Also the council authorized advertising for bids on a new front end loader to replace one which is almost worn out.

Monthly bills totaling \$36,156.07 were approved for payment. This included \$18,779.12 in regular bills and \$17,376.95 in flood-related expenses.

HAPPENINGS

EHS PARENTS' NIGHT Elba High School will hold Parents' Night on Thursday (TONIGHT), April 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. It is important for parents of students in the eighth grade who will enter the ninth grade next year to attend. They will be briefed on the new state high school education requirements. The optional courses and programs that are offered by Elba High School will be discussed as well as eligibility for sports and other topics.

CELEBRATION OF ELBA A Celebration of Elba will be held on the Courthouse Square on Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m.

until noon. The event is being sponsored by the Elba Marching Tiger Band Boosters in lieu of the annual Band Day, and will feature Elba's elementary, high school and jazz bands in open air concert. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and enjoy the time of music and fellowship.

BEAUTY PAGEANT The Future Little Miss, Little Miss, Petite Miss, Teen Miss and Miss Coffee County Pageants have been set for May 9, 1998. Deadline for registration is April 25, 1998. For further details call Karen Patrick at 347-7211 or 347-9667, or call Teresa Dutton at 347-2848 or 308-2007.

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\$73,000 missing from county, 2 indicted

by Marvin McLain, Editor

A Coffee County grand jury has indicted two former county employees for stealing public funds.

In a session held on April 13, 1998, an Enterprise Division grand jury indicted Susan Enfinger McGlothlen, 38, of Route 6, Enterprise, and Frances Elizabeth Carter, 39, of Samson, on charges of theft in the first degree.

The charges are in connection with two unrelated incidences of allegedly stealing \$2,867.22 in public funds from that office.

Ms. McGlothlen, a bookkeeper in the commission office, was indicted on theft charges after allegedly taking \$71,701.22 in public funds.

She was arrested on April 16 and released on a \$10,000.00 appearance bond.

Ms. Carter, 39, a clerk in the

Enterprise office of the Circuit Clerk, was indicted on charges of allegedly stealing \$2,867.22 in public funds from that office.

She was also arrested on April 16 and immediately released after posting a \$2,000.00 appearance bond.

Arraignments for both women have been set for May 27, 1998, in Enterprise.

The charge of first-degree theft is a Class B felony which carries a

penalty of not less than two years in prison and not more than 20 years. Fines of up to \$10,000 could also be imposed.

Both alleged thefts took place during 1997.

An investigation into the missing monies in the commission office began on January 21, 1998, at which time Ms. McGlothlen was relieved of her bookkeeping duties. Her letter of resignation was accepted by the commissioners on January

26, 1998. Ms. Carter was terminated from the Circuit Clerk's office in early January after funds for which she was responsible went missing.

According to District Attorney Investigator Bruce DeVane, the funds in the Circuit Clerk's office have been recovered.

A large amount of the missing funds in the commission office have also been recovered.

Ms. McGlothlen was bonded for

\$25,000 and reportedly, she re-deposited approximately \$20,000 after the investigation was initiated. The county's depository, The Peoples Bank of Coffee County, is also bonded.

Both offices are taking a close look at their accounting procedures and at improving safeguards for alerting the proper authorities as to missing or improper disbursement of public funds.

Local policeman charged with theft by deception

Chief suspends Patrick without pay

by Marvin McLain, Editor

An investigation by the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) has resulted in the arrest of an Elba police officer.

Michael Patrick, 44, of 333 Plant Ave., Elba, AL, has been arrested and charged with two counts of theft by deception - a misdemeanor.

The 15-year veteran in law enforcement turned himself in to the Coffee County Sheriff's Department last Thursday where he was arrested.

Patrick, after being processed into jail, was released on a \$500 bond on each charge. His initial court appearance has been set for May 5, 1998, in Elba.

Several weeks ago a complaint was filed against Patrick by Benny Cooper, owner of Elba Pawn & Gun.

After an initial investigation of the complaint by the Elba Police Department, the matter was turned over to the ABI so as to prevent any conflict of interest.

According to Elba Police Chief R. W. "Ronnie" Whitworth, Patrick has been suspended without pay from the Elba Police Department.

It will be up to the Elba City Council whether to continue or end Patrick's suspension, or to terminate him from the police force.

Chief Whitworth also discounted the rumor of an investigation into the Elba Police Department by the Alabama Ethics Commission.

The chief declined any further comment on the charges against Officer Patrick saying that it is still an ongoing investigation.

County gets more disaster funds

Tax Day, Wednesday, April 15, 1998, was a good day for Coffee County. County officials were presented a check for \$300,000.

The funds were the first of hopefully more to come to assist the county in recovering from the March 8 flooding.

Wednesday's check was from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and was administered through the state and local emergency management agencies.

Disaster funds are awarded on a percentage basis: 75 percent from federal sources, 10 percent from the state; and 10 percent from local government.

Coffee County Director Charles Webb accepted the check on behalf of the local EMA and immediately turned it over to Robert Stephens, chairman of the Coffee County Commission.

"Lately, we've had so much bad news in the area, it's good to have something to smile about rather than frown," said Webb.

Stephens expressed gratitude on behalf of the county to the federal, state, and local EMA's for their rapid response to the county's

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Dorsey earnings announced

Dorsey Trailers, Inc. announced this week results for first quarter, 1998, indicating continued improvement in margins and operating results.

These results, including the decline in revenue, take into effect the full impact of major flooding that occurred in the company's primary production facility in Elba in March. The net loss for the same period in 1998 was \$0.6 million or \$1.3 per share compared to net loss for the same period in 1997 of \$5.5 million or \$1.10 per share. Net sales for the first quarter of 1998 were \$35.4 million compared to net sales for the same period in 1997 of \$41.0 million. New trailer sales revenue for the first quarter of 1998 increased to

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NEW BUSINESS OPENS...Last Friday, a new business officially opened its doors in Elba with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Hollie's Hobbits is now open at 939 Simmons Street (the old Sonic Burger building). Everyone is invited to come in and check out the variety of items they have to offer - tanning beds, picture frames, novelties, etc. Pictured above are the participants in the ribbon cutting: (l-r) front row - Herby McCall, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Hollie Kelley (owner), Junior Miss Elba Cammie Kelley, Sonya Smith, Ashley Smith, and Renita Marler; back row - Barbara Hudson, Hollis McGregor, Jewel Odum, Vida Roberts, and Louise Hudson

Consultants look for hidden damages

by Marvin McLain, Editor

Elba residents are slowly recovering from the flood of March 8 as they clean out their businesses and homes and make decisions on their next moves.

Some flood victims - business owners and homeowners - did not have insurance while others did.

Those not having insurance are dealing with state and federal agencies (ADEMA, FEMA and SBA) in getting help to rebuild, while others deal with their insurance company.

There have been incidents where business owners and homeowners have been pleased with the response of their insurance companies while others have not.

There is a company - I.C.C. Incorporated - which has located in Elba to help flood victims.

They will assist individuals who are not completely pleased with their insurance company's appraisal and adjustment of their flood damage.

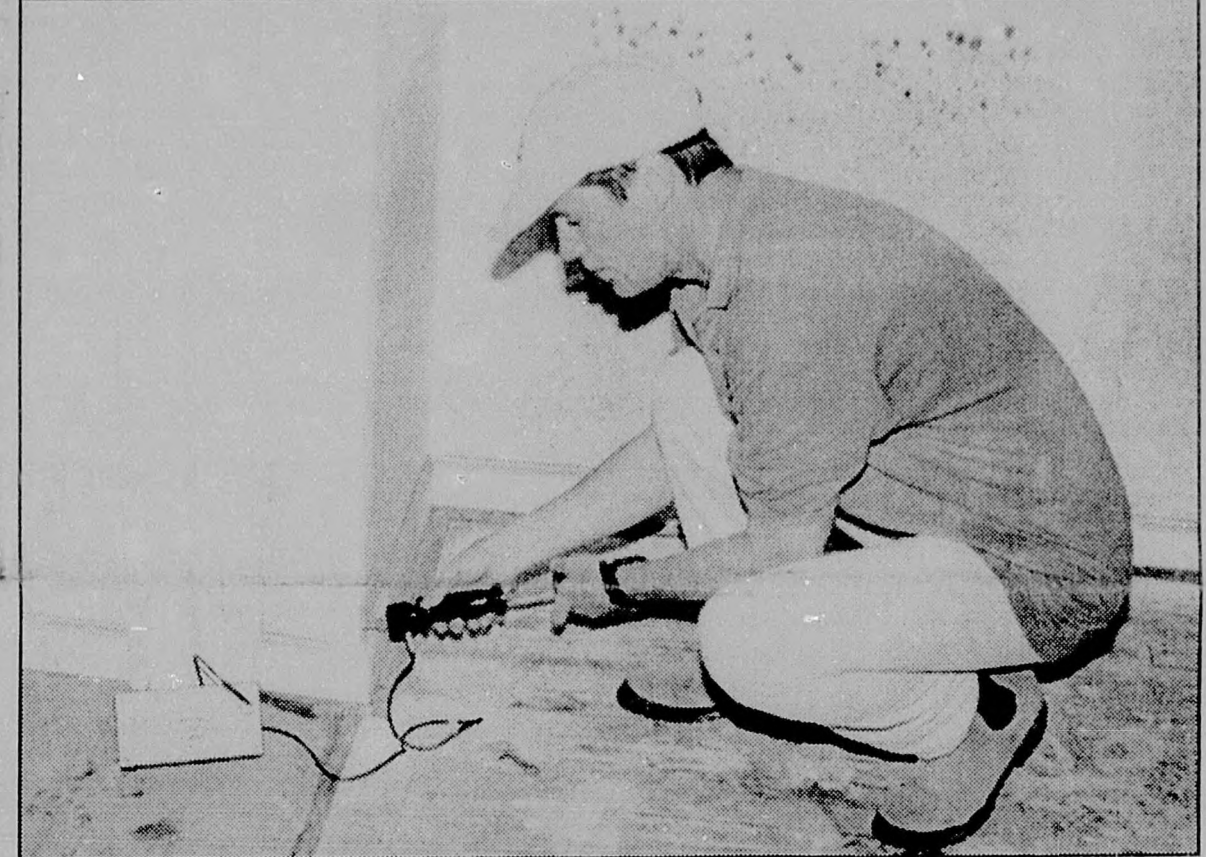
"Being victimized by a major insurance catastrophe is no laughing matter and can have a paralyzing effect on the normal operations of your business or home," said Darryl Ehler.

In a major flood-damaged area such as Elba, insurance adjusters, in their haste to serve their clients, can often make unintentional mistakes in their damage assessments.

Some mistakes which often seem small can be costly, such as the overall dimension of a room in a home or business. This one item fed into a computer program can result in the underestimation of the costs to repair walls, floors, ceilings, etc.

Ehler stressed the importance of examining one's cost estimate of damage repair or replacement line by line.

"A lot of seemingly small errors can add up to become a sizable sum of money," he said.



Ehler is shown above checking the moisture in strategy places in a structure with a state-of-the-art meter. It is very important that structures be thoroughly dried out.

"Exceptional service demands personal attention as well as genuine concern for the financial well-being of our clients," Ehler said. "And so we run our loss consulting company according to one fundamental principle: to protect our clients' well-being by safeguarding their investment and/or investments."

Ehler and Bill Grady, both with I.C.C. Inc., will review an individual's flood damage estimate.

If they see evidence that the estimates can legitimately be increased using guides suggested/recommended by government agencies, they will do an in-depth item-by-item analysis and make their recommendation.

The cost of their service is 25

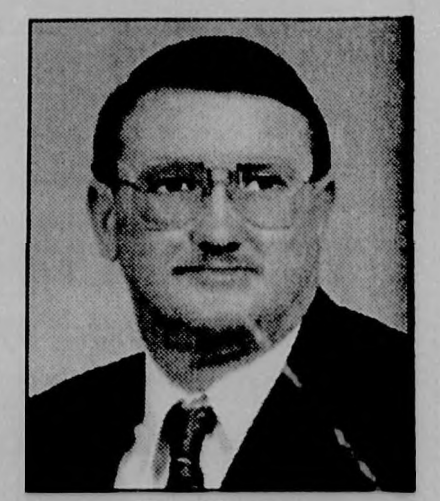
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Moates seeks return to sheriff's office

Benjamin Moates of Enterprise has announced his bid for re-election to the office of Sheriff of Coffee County, having qualified with the Democratic Party on Feb. 16, 1998.

"Four years ago I ran and was elected sheriff on the campaign slogan of 'the only experience that can make a difference.' At that time I was chief deputy of the Coffee County Sheriff's Dept. and was the only candidate with experience in the sheriff's department. Now, with over three years experience as sheriff, I still feel I have 'the only experience that can make a difference.'"

"Since election to the office of sheriff in 1994, I have added three full-time deputies, one of which is a full-time narcotics investigator. I have implemented a DARE program in the elementary schools, dedicated to teaching children the dangers of drugs. A K-9 program



Ben Moates has been implemented to assist all county and police agencies in their fight against illegal drugs. "I adhere to the fundamentals set forth in the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics."

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